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Decision No. 49546

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of the City of Coachella, a Municipal Corporation, to purchase and Yola M. Woodhouse, also known as Yolande C. Woodhouse, doing business as Highway Water Company, to sell a certain water producing distributing system situate in the City of Coachella, County of Riverside, State of California.

Application No. 34998

OPINION AND ORDER

In this application, filed on December 24, 1953, Yola M. Woodhouse, doing business as Highway Water Company, seeks authority to sell her public utility water system to the City of Coachella. The city has joined in the application.

In 1952 the voters of the City of Coachella approved a bond issue in the total sum of \$115,000, to be used for the installation of a municipally owned water system, and authorized the purchase by the city of any or all of the then existing systems serving water to users within the city, of which Yola M. Woodhouse's system is one. The Commission heretofore has authorized W. H. Kersteiner and Olga N. Kersteiner, doing business as Coachella Water Works, and Mike Abdelnour, doing business as Abdelnour Water Company, to transfer their water systems to the city. The present application shows that for some time the city has been in process of negotiating for the purchase of the properties comprising the Highway Water Company system and that arrangements now have been completed for the sale at the total price of \$17,500.

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The Commission has considered this matter and is of the opinion that the proposed sale will not be adverse to the public interest and that no necessity exists for a public hearing in this matter because the voters have determined they wish a municipal water system and have authorized the city to acquire the privately owned properties. The application, accordingly, will be granted; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. Yola M. Woodhouse, also known as Yolande C. Woodhouse, doing business as Highway Water Company, may on or after the effective date hereof and on or before June 30, 1954, sell and transfer her public utility water system referred to in this application to the City of Coachella, a municipal corporation, pursuant to the terms of the escrow instructions for the purchase and sale thereof, dated November 30, 1953, a copy of which is attached to the application as Exhibit A.

2. On or before the actual date of transfer, Yola M. Woodhouse, also known as Yolande C. Woodhouse, doing business as Highway Water Company, shall refund all consumer deposits, if any, to consumers entitled thereto, and within 30 days thereafter shall notify this Commission in writing of the completion of such refunding.

3. If the authority granted is exercised, Yola M. Woodhouse, also known as Yolande C. Woodhouse, doing business as Highway Water Company, within 30 days thereafter, shall notify this Commission in writing of the date of the completion of the transfer and of her compliance with the conditions hereof.

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4. Upon due compliance with the above conditions, said Yola M. Woodhouse, also known as Yolande C. Woodhouse, doing business as Highway Water Company, shall stand relieved of all further public utility obligations and liabilities in connection with the operation of the public utility water system referred to in this proceeding.

5. The action taken herein shall not be construed to be a finding of the value of the properties herein authorized to be transferred.

6. The authority herein granted will become effective 20 days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 12. the day of January, 1954.

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Commissioners.